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This is Armina's response to the long string.

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Date: 07/15/2010 10:51 AM
Subject: Re: Fw: Questions for R10 grantees about ICR

Good job, this is a very helpful clarification of the OMB guidance. Tony and I will ask OGD to update their guidance to match this approach.
It's very sensible.

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Krista Mendelman---07/15/2010 10:40:01 AM---Tony, Armina, Jill, This is great news from Spencer Clark, OEI. We do not need to get approval for

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Tony, Armina, Jill,

This is great news from Spencer Clark, OEI. We do not need to get approval for the surveys for the PS watershed grants! From the criteria he has laid out for us in the 7/14 email below, this also applies to the Squaxin Island situation. We did not ask for or direct the Squaxin survey either. Laura Caparoso is notifying the PS WMA grantees. Unless Tony or Armina have anything to add - Jill, you can share the good news with Squaxin Island. Let's put a copy of this email string in the file.

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I think you're all clear to go then!

I'm sorry it took so long to come to that determination for you, but at the same time I'm happy for you that everyone won't have to go through the ICR process. As soon as the grantees are ready to start their surveys they can go ahead and do so.

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Subject: Re: Questions for R10 grantees about ICR

Hi Spencer --

None of these grantees are collecting the information at the request of EPA. These are all projects selected through a broad watershed competition (RFP) so the surveys were the applicants' ideas.

These are all cooperative agreements but EPA will not be participating in directing, approving, or collecting the information.

What do you think?

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Hi Krista,

I appreciate the summaries that Laura helped assemble and spoke at length with her earlier today.

After getting more details on the planned studies and consulting OMB guidance, I may actually have some good news for you: I don't think that we'll need to get an ICR for these.

As I was able to surmise, it appears that all of the surveys are being conceived, carried out by and done for the grantees themselves, and EPA's only involvement is in providing funding. If this is indeed the case the the PRA shouldn't apply.

The only exceptions where an ICR would be necessary would be if either :

A.) the grant recipient is collecting information at the specific request of EPA

B.) the terms and conditions of the grant require that EPA specifically approve the collection of information or the collection procedures.

If you can confirm that neither of the above conditions apply, then we can forget about this whole process and let the grantees get on with their work.

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Laura Caparoso---07/01/2010 02:11:33 PM---Hi Spencer, Per our discussion about gathering additional information from Puget Sound Watershed Gra

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Hi Spencer,

Per our discussion about gathering additional information from Puget Sound Watershed Grantees to determine if they require ICRs to conduct their project. I'm attaching the 8 questionnaires with responses, for your review. Please let us know what the next steps will be, including scheduling of the conference / training call with all of us.

Thank you,

Laura

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Spencer Clark---05/26/2010 05:44:06 AM---Hi Krista, These are right on, and I can't really think of anything else to add right now. I'll cert

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Hi Krista,

These are right on, and I can't really think of anything else to add right now. I'll certainly be asking more clarifying questions on the call, but having this info would give me enough to direct you where you need to go.

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Krista Mendelman---05/25/2010 04:16:49 PM---Hi Spencer, Last week you and I talked about the 8 potential ICRs for the Puget Sound Watershed grants

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Hi Spencer,

Last week you and I talked about the 8 potential ICRs for the Puget Sound Watershed grants. I agreed to type up the questions that you suggested so that we could get a little more information about the surveys they want to do in preparation for a mini training with R10 and the grantees.

Here are the questions for you to look at before we send them out. Please edit and add to them as you see fit.

Questions:

1. Who do you plan to survey?
2. How many people do you plan to survey?
3. What questions are you asking (if you can't be specific, then answer generally) ?
4. When do you plan to start?
5. What level of detail will you be expecting for the answers?
6. What do you plan to do with the information collected or how will you use it?
7. Are you looking for statistically valid data from the survey?
8. Why are you asking the questions?

Laura and I are going to work on this together so please respond back to both of us.

Thanks so much. We look forward to working with you.

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